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## paper change

Unlike the plastic tokens there were no Personalized Plastics or Tropical Lab Companies that manufactured uniform sets of paper change on a nationwide basis. Sizes, colors, and types of paper items varied widely and must have been printed by thousands of presses and uncountable Xerox and Ditto machines. Paper is the most perishable of all Food Stamp Change media and like other local paper substitutes for money, it will be among the most scarce in this collecting field. This article reviews a small fraction of the paper and cardstock pieces issues and includes only those that are square or rectangular in shape. Cardboard pieces that are round will be discussed at another time. They come under the heading of tokens.

Many different names have been used for the paper pieces, although the word "scrip" has been used generically to cover all of the different kinds. There seem to have been almost as many names for the paper items as there were different types. Among them are Boleto De Credito (Credit Ticket), Certificate of Credit, Change Chit, Change Record, Credit Coupon, Credit Receipt, Credit Slip, Due Bill, Due Slip, Food Credit Stamp, Food Credit Ticket, Food Stamp Credit, Food Stamp Exchange, and Food Stamp Refund, among others. An examination of several pieces suggests that many must have been extremely cumbersome in change-making. Some required signatures of not only the customer, but also the checker and manager as well as the date and amount. Others required the use of paper punches. The bulk of paper pieces probably came in the form of fractional currency, that is as slips valued at amounts of less than one dollar.

Not much has been written on paper Food Stamp Change, partly because there is not much written on Food Stamp Change in general. There is also less current interest in paper collecting than there is in tokens. A display of some of the best designed paper pieces can be found in the JAMS JOURNAL (Dec. 1972, p. 224). Other examples can be found in earlier issues of this newsletter: April 1979 (miscellaneous pieces), July 1979 (Colorado), and April 1980 (Guam and Poughkeepsie, New York).

The word "scrip" has been used here widely, although as a group of pieces to be studied, it is only one of at least three sub-types. Several are described below and include 1) the "Blank Check," 2) Punch Card, and 3) Paper Scrip varieties. Note that the pieces shown are not actual size or color, although dimensions and colors are narrated. Neither do the actual slips have dark borders as are shown. Borders were added to give approximate shapes of the examples.

### I. "Blank Check" Type

This variety is characterized by one or more blank spaces in which the amount of change due is entered by the store's personnel. There is usually no printed denomination, unless it is an amount over which the slip is voided (usually 49¢ or 99¢). It could not be used more than once. Some pieces must have been terribly time-consuming in their execution, requiring that the date, several signatures, rubberstamps, customers' signatures, due amounts (sometimes written out AND numeralized), etc. be included -- a real nuisance at rush hour! Some had tear-off receipts with serial numbers to be matched later with the due slips issued. Many were just plain cash register receipts with the amounts in pencil. The possibilities for error or cheating seem great.

#### DeSoto GA

FOOD STAMP	
CREDIT SLIP	
in the amount of	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;">             \$           </div>	
NOT OVER 49¢	
REDEEMABLE ONLY AT	
THAD WILKINSON	
STORE	
DeSoto	ISSUED BY _____

Black Xerox on white, 105x115mm

#### Grand Junction CO

WILLIAMS 7-11 MARKET
801 North First
Food Stamp Credit _____
DATE _____

White on black, 90x51mm.

#### Gripple Creek CO

2.00 198 1/2 Credit food stamp 99¢	CO. 5015
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#### Sioux Falls SD

SUNSHINE FOOD MARKETS	FOOD STAMP CREDIT
SIoux FALLS, S. DAK.	DATE _____
AMOUNT _____ (UNITED) (NOT TO EXCEED 49 CENTS) \$ (FIGURES)	
CUSTOMER'S SIGNATURE _____	
AUTHORIZED STORE SIGNATURE _____	STORE STAMP ON BACK

Black Xerox on white, 140x65mm.

#### Lubbock TX

FOOD STAMP REFUND		STORE STAMP NOT VALID UNLESS STAMPED AT TIME OF ISSUE
FURN'S STORE NO. _____	REC. NO. _____	
DATE ISSUED _____		
WRITTEN AMOUNT _____		
CHECKER'S SIGNATURE _____		
CUSTOMER'S SIGNATURE _____		
CUSTOMER'S ENDORSEMENT _____		

Black on Light Blue, 140x71mm.

#### Beach ND

Food Stamp CREDIT
MILLER'S FAIRWAY
Beach, N. D.
Amt. _____
Not to exceed 50¢

Dark blue on white, 68x61mm.



West Allis and Milwaukee WI

\$0. c

Nº 13609 Initials

LINCOLN FOODS  
7905 W. Lincoln Avenue  
West Allis, Wisconsin  
Federal Food Stamp  
Program

Due Slip  
AMOUNT

\$0. c

NOT TO EXCEED .49c

Nº 13609 Initials

\$0. c

Nº 23855 Initials

HILLTOP FOODS  
9134 W. Silver Spring Drive  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Federal Food Stamp  
Program

Due Slip  
AMOUNT

\$0. c

NOT TO EXCEED .49c

Nº 23855 Initials

Both are black on white and 71x90mm. Note the stock type with the different store names printed in. Also the serially numbered cashier's stub.

II. Punch Card Type

Graduated sets of numbers imprinted on the pieces denote this series. It required that any one or two numbers be punched, checked (by pencil or pen) or circled to indicate the amount still owed to the customer. Some required signatures, some had stubs. Possibilities for alteration in this case were greatly minimized, and like the "blank check" variety, "punch cards" could not be used more than once.

Pittsburg KS

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

FOOD STAMP  
CREDIT

GIBSON'S BIG "B" FOOD MART  
N. Broadway  
Pittsburg, Kansas

16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

Black on Light blue, 103x66mm.

Humacao PR

SUPERMERCADO "EL FARO"  
PROGRAMA DE CUPONES DE ALIMENTOS  
BOLETO DE CREDITO

10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

CAJERA \_\_\_\_\_ GERENTE \_\_\_\_\_

NOTAS: NO ES VALIDO POR MAS DE 99¢  
SOLAMENTE PARA ALIMENTOS ELEGIBLES.

Black on Light green, 101x72mm.

West Virginia (several locations)

Amount Due

Food Stamp  
CREDIT SLIP

NOT TO EXCEED 49c

Redeemable only in eligible foods at

CAROLINA SUPER MARKETS  
Beckley, Bradley,  
Crab Orchard, Sophia,  
West Virginia

Signed by Store Personnel \_\_\_\_\_

0 10 20 30 40

001234567009

VOID if punched more than twice

Black on white, 99x71mm.

Beach ND

12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

LIMIT FOR "MILLER'S FOOD" ONLY

MILLER'S BEACH,  
North Dakota

DATE OF PURCHASE \_\_\_\_\_



INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

VOID BILL

Two strips by two stores, black on blue with red serial numbers, 30x99mm. These are from the 1939-43 period. There are orange stamp versions as well.

Paintsville KY

<b>MELVIN &amp; BACH</b> <b>K&amp;A FOODLINER</b> Paintsville, Ky.		<b>MELVIN &amp; BACH</b> <b>K&amp;A FOODLINER</b> Paintsville, Ky.	
00	 <b>FOOD STAMP DUE BILL</b> VALID ONLY IF PUNCHED TWICE	 <b>CASHIER'S STUB</b>	00
40			40
30			30
20			20
10			10
9			9
8			8
7			7
6			6
5			5
4			4
3	3		
2	2		
1	1		
0	0		

Black on light blue, 140x102mm.  
 Note the cashier's stub half.

Hayward CA

<b>RALPHS GROCERY COMPANY</b> Store No. <b>80</b> Date Issued <b>12/16</b>																																																																																																					
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Black on white, 115x64mm.

Chicago IL

<b>OFFICIAL FOOD STAMP PROGRAM</b> to be used as credit in the amount punched below only at <b>GERARD'S CERTIFIED</b> 807 N. Center Authorization No. IL-2-4789											
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Black on white, 90x51mm. There is a pink copy underneath used as a cashier's receipt.

III. Paper Scrip Type

This method was probably the most popular because the slips could be handled like paper money without signatures, punches, etc. Unlike the others they could be reused until they wore out. Denominations were usually clearly printed and/or slips color-coded, minimizing their misuse. Some stores had their names worked into a specially printed design. Others used a stock scrip with a space in which the store could have its name printed, rubber-stamped or hand-inscribed. This type is more properly a form of necessity fractional currency.

NEW YORK NY

<b>FOOD STAMP EXCHANGE</b> <b>GREENBERG'S</b> <b>NATURAL FOODS</b> 125 1st Avenue New York, N.Y. 10003 PHONE (212) 354-2989	
<b>10¢</b> N <sup>o</sup> 223	<b>10¢</b> SIGNATURE

Black and red on green safety paper, 158x69.

GARY IN

<b>1¢</b> Redeemable only at Save More Food Center	Credit Slip for future delivery of an equivalent value of eligible foods authorized by Food Stamp Program. <b>NOT REDEEMABLE IN CASH</b> Gary-Hobart
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Black on pink safety paper, 75x50mm

CHOWCHILLA CA

<b>1¢</b>	ONE CENT <b>FOOD STAMP CREDIT</b>	<b>1¢</b>
REDEEMABLE ON ALL AUTHORIZED MERCHANDISE AT THIS STORE ONLY		
<b>ADAM HERRON GROCERIES</b> 19455 Ave. 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Chowchilla, Ca. Phone 665-9913		

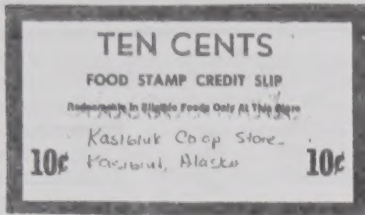
Black on canary, 108x65mm.

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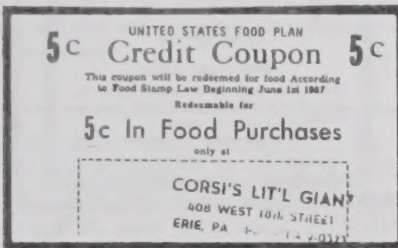
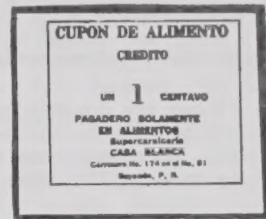
<b>1¢</b>	<b>1¢</b>
FOOD STAMP CREDIT REDEEMABLE ONLY BY PARTICIPANTS IN U.S. GOV. EMERGENCY FOOD STAMP PROGRAM FOR FOOD ITEMS ON AUTHORIZED LIST. GOOD ONLY AT FOOD PANTRY.	
<b>1¢</b>	<b>1¢</b>
THE <b>Food Pantry</b> WAIKIKI	

Black on green safety paper, 107x51mm



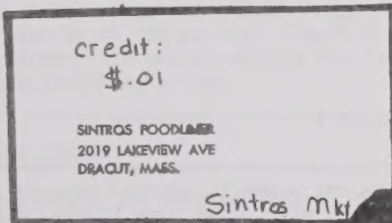
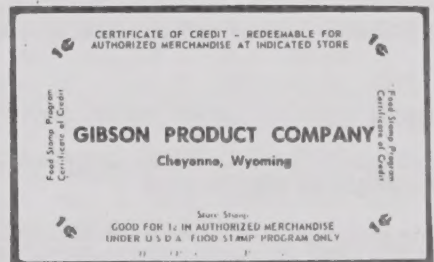
Kasigluk AKChico CA

These stock slips come in four denominations, no 50¢. Unlike the others this style has a dark border. They come in brown ink on pink (1¢), green (5¢), yellow (10¢), and goldenrod (25¢). They were used widely in the western states. The first was inscribed by the owner of a small native store in Alaska (the only ones!) and second is one rubberstamped. Of the latter there were only six stamped pieces left on my visit.

Erie PABayamon PR

Another stock form, black with black rubberstamp on light green, 107x64 mm.

Another stock item with the store name printed (which you can barely see) the Supercarneria Casa Blanca, black on white, 78x56mm.

Dracut MACheyenne WY

Here's a cheap oddity. This one is dittoed, and then rubberstamped, 103x55. There must be a dozen denominations from 1¢ to 25¢.

This is an attractive one on white cardstock, printing is black except for a grey background which did not show up, 115x69mm.

Westbury NYChicago IL

Another well-designed piece, black on green, 96x70mm.

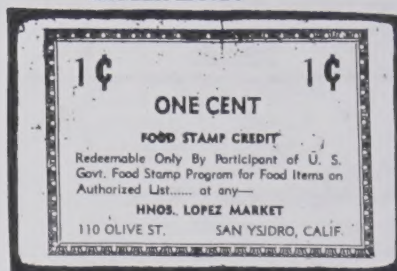
Another printed stock series. There are a number of these from different stores in Chicago, 93x52mm, black on yellow safety paper.

Jackson MS

An oddity. These are coupons designed to be torn off and spent one-by-one. Blue on white. Each coupon is 68x21mm and the whole pane is 68x128mm.

Tucson AZ

A nice design, blue on white, 117x70mm.

San Ysidro CA

A well-worn piece from down on the Cal.-Mexico border, black on blue, 107x70mm.

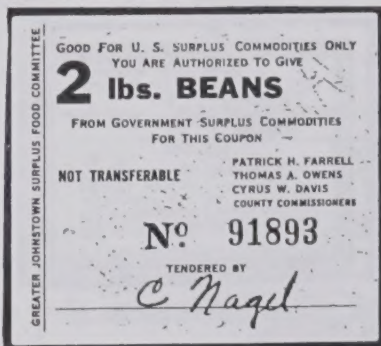
Many collectors are currently in the habit of using the word "scrip" to denote paper pieces, and which is incorrect. That word more accurately means hand-writing. The proper word (as you may have guessed) is "scrip," which is related to the word "token," and means an unofficial substitute for money. Thus the familiar phrase "Coal Mine Scrip" is applicable to a well-known series of U.S. metal tokens as well as this paper media.

(Typing courtesy of Leanna Hudson, San Francisco, California.)

PENNSYLVANIA BEAN VOUCHER

The card pictured appears to be from the 1939-43 period and possibly before, although that is not certain. It is related to Food Stamps in that it was a money substitute used to buy surplus beans. It is definitely not a change item like those discussed above. The issuer was the Greater Johnstown Surplus Food Committee of Johnstown, Cambria County in Pennsylvania, about 60 miles east of Pittsburgh. The committee was probably formed by federal or state authorization to distribute foods, surplus at the time, to low-income individuals much in the way that Food Stamps are issued today. There were no doubt many such committees throughout the country as well as private charity organizations that issued similar items.

The one shown is printed on grey cardstock with light blue fibres, 65x58mm. The word "CAMBRIA" appears diagonally in large, pale blue ink in the background. The main legend is in dark blue ink. The denomination and serial number are black.





## CATALOG SUPPLEMENT

With this issue comes a 36-page booklet on New York State tokens, a new addition to the slowly growing body of literature on FSC exonomia. In this case because of the size and expense involved in printing the catalog, Gary Pipher contributed an additional fifty dollars to its cost, the remainder (about \$200) being paid for through your subscriptions. Printing costs and mailing are high, just like everything else.

In regard to other catalogs I have heard from Sr. Efrain Archilla-Diez in Puerto Rico that several collectors there are beginning work on a book for that island. Duane Feissel still has a California work in progress.

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## WOODEN NICKELS

Alon Jeffrey has written several times about the fact that wood tokens seem to have been used infrequently for Food Stamp Change, or at least rather few of them have come to the attention of the collecting public. I personally know of nine: three from Cabo Rojo and one from Ponce in Puerto Rico, two from Aberdeen, South Dakota, and three from San Antonio, Texas. If you know of others, please make a good Xerox copy and send it along to Alon Jeffrey, 366 Behm Drive, Grayslake, IL 60030. Later, he and I will get an article together on them.

## THINGS TO COME

Marshall Bieniasz and Alon Jeffrey have prepared some token-hunting stories on Minnesota, New Hampshire and Vermont. I'll try to get these into the next issue. If there are thing you want to see in print, let me know.

IOWA FOOD STAMP CHANGE tokens and Iowa trade tokens desired for my collection. Oh yes, will buy or trade. What have you? Lewis K. Ferguson, 1605 Roosevelt Ave., Ames IA 50010.

SAMPLE change tokens wanted. Also unusual sizes, shapes, colors & materials as type tokens. Some trades available. Tom Conklin, P.O. Box 440, Rutherford, NJ 07070.

FSC Tokens & Scrip wanted, especillay MINNESOTA! Have some trades available - please inquire. Also desire other MN tokens (all types), medals, wooden money (all states), coins stamps. Reasonalbe prices. Grade tokens, pleas Marshall Bieniasz, 308 S. Main St., Aurora MN 55705.

Wanted, all ARIZONA Food Stamp Tokens. Will pay top dollar for towns I don't have. Also any token from Tucson, AZ is needed. P.N. Spooner, 343 S. Meyer, Tucson AZ 85701.

Have some full sets and singles of GRAN UNION aluminm tokens for sale or trade Looking for White Plains NY scrip. Dea Davis, Pells Court, Roughkeepsie NY 12603.

I will trade 3 different Food Stamp Credit tokens for each different Sport Schedule or Kansas Merchant Token or medal received. I am very interested i any exonomia featuring the surname Baum. J.W. Baum, 3101 N. Arkansas Ave. Wichita KS 67204.

Wanted. Food Stamp Tokens from RHODE ISLAND. Singles or sets. Marvin E. Simon, 10 Gallup St. Westerly RI 02891.

Wanted. Postal Savings Certificates, Postal Notes & Money Orders, Stamps Use for Currency, Postal R ply Coupons and related "Philatelic Numismatica" -World Wide! Paul T. Jung, 2809 Linden Lane, Silver Spring MD 20910.

ANA Museum looking for Food Stamp Chang Coupons and Tokens. Do you have duplicates? Why not donate one or a set to the ANA Museum for posterity? Write ANA Museum, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs CO 80901. You may also ask for a receipt for income tax purposes.

I have a wide selection of CALIFORNIA FSC Tokens obtained directly from the stores. Also from Puerto Rico, South Dakota and other areas. Also several large state collections at less than the going rates. Jerry F. Schimmel, P.O. Box 40888, San Francisco, CA 94140. Also my new Sales Tax Token book at \$2 each (with photos) with free autograph.

# FOOD STAMP CHANGE TOKENS & SCRIP

LOVE 'EM OR HATE 'EM, THEY'RE HOT ITEMS TODAY!

Remember when Civil War tokens sold for 25¢ each? Remember when a \$10 transit token sold for just that? Food Stamp Tokens and Paper Scrip will never be cheaper than they are right now.

We have available a retail list of about 2500 different sets from virtually all the states and United States territories and possessions. Send one dollar (refundable with any order) now for that list! Food Stamp Scrip is available also. WE BUY TOO! Let us know what you have for sale.

Our newly revised and expanded reference list features some 800 titles covering tokens, medals, coins, paper money and other collectibles such as postcards and antique guns. Send \$1 for that list as well also refundable with any order). Wants lists are serviced.

NOW AVAILABLE! A new group of Food Stamp Change Tokens never before offered. Let us send you one of each set available from your state on approval. Wholesale discount for the entire state.

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## A WHOLESALE LISTING

100 Different Food Stamp Tokens of different merchants, of plastic, aluminum, wood and from different makers (no full sets included)	\$30.00
500 Different tokens as above, but includes some complete sets from various states	125.00
1000 Different as above	250.00
2000 Different as above	500.00
100 Assorted Tokens	17.50
1000 Assorted Tokens	150.00
5000 Assorted Tokens	650.00
100 Different Food Stamp Scrip, all paper	15.00
200 Different as above	25.00
1000 Assorted Scrip	75.00

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